

## OBESE NEIGHBOR

It hurts me  
to sit here on my porch  
and eat ice cream  
and watch Vonella on the  
bench next door  
I wish that she would go  
to TOPS  
or WEIGHT WATCHERS or do  
something

She weighs three hundred  
pounds  
with a beautiful face that  
is flushed peony  
by the lingering summer  
heat  
Jammed into a sundress from  
Lane Bryant  
she shakes baby powder from  
a can  
and smooths around her neck  
and her galled armpits  
I wish she would do something